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1. Three German prisoners of war were employed in the cleaning section of the Cholsan (鉄山) mine at Nahung (127-58, 40-48), South Hamgyong Province.* The Germans were quartered separately and guarded by two Soviet soldiers. Ten Soviets and 7,800 Koreans were also engaged in the extraction and re-fining of ore, which was shipped to Sohojin (127-38, 39-50) and thence to the USSR.
2. Seven German prisoners were working in the analysis section of the Yuhwa (玉花) mine at Ungdok-ni (蘆德尼), 30 li** from Kosong-ni (128-36, 40-40), South Hamgyong Province. Supervising the work of 700 Korean workers and 350 convict-laborers at this mine were thirty Soviets. The refined products were shipped to Hamhung (127-32, 39-54) by truck.***

25X1A * [] Comment. This is the first report of German POW's being used in North Korea, although German technicians have been reported in Shanghai and Manchuria.

25X1A ** [] Comment. One Japanese li. equals 2.44 miles.

25X1A *** [] Comment. The specific type of ore being produced at each of the mines was not given.

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